

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 7-11, and 20-34 will be pending in the Application after the Examiner enters the forgoing amendment. Claims 1, 2, and 7-11 are allowed. Original claim 5 had been found to be allowable.

The Examiner objected to the Specification. Applicants have amended the Specification to address the objection by the Examiner.

The Examiner stated that claim 5 would be allowable if written in independent form.

Applicant has rewritten claim 5 in independent form.

The Examiner rejected claims 12-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,302,857 to Charles; and rejected claims 3, 4, and 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 3,777,217 to Groce et al.

By this amendment, Application cancels the rejected claims 12-19, 3, 4, and 6 and without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant may pursue the subject matter of these cancelled claims in a continuation application.

Applicant has made a typographical adjustment to claims 10 and 11.

Applicant has added claims 20-34, which are patentable for reasons analogous to the reasons the allowed claims were found to be patentable, although the scopes of claims 20-34 are different than the scopes of the already allowed claims. In examining independent claim 20, the Examiner may wish to review the reasons he allowed independent claim 1.

In examining independent claim 22, the Examiner may wish to review the reasons he allowed independent claim 1.

In examining independent claim 24, the Examiner may wish to review the reasons he allowed independent claim 5.

In examining independent claim 25, the Examiner may wish to review the reasons he allowed independent claim 7.

In examining independent claim 30, the Examiner may wish to review the reasons he allowed independent claim 7.


In examining independent claim 34, the Examiner may wish to review the reasons he allowed independent claim 7.

Please charge the undersigned attorney's Deposit Account No. 10-0077 \$438.00 to cover 5 extra independent claims(\$420.00) and 2 extra total claims (\$18.00).

If there are any other fees required for entry of this amendment, or for any other reason, please charge such fees to the undersigned attorney's Deposit Account No. 10-0077.

If the Examiner has any questions about this amendment, applicant's representative would appreciate discussing this amendment with the Examiner. Applicant's representative, Jerome Jackson, can be reached at 703-684-4840.

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